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PAPER ASSEMBLY WITH TRANSPARENTIZED WINDOW

Examiner: Betelhem Shewareged
Art Unit: 1774

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

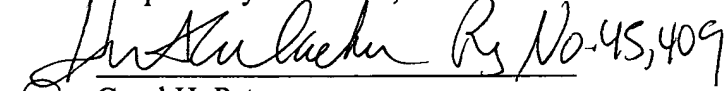
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following:

- (1) RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 6, 2005; AND
- (2) RETURN POSTCARD.

Should any of the items identified above be missing from this submission, the Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-348-4914.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the balance required, or any overpayment, to the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, referencing Attorney Docket No. 23638-040. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is provided for this purpose.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 6, 2005, Applicants provide this response to the issues raised therein.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has determined that the application contains claims directed to more than one distinct invention. More specifically, the Examiner has determined that the claims are related to a process for making and a product made, and each invention has acquired a separate status in the art as indicated by the different classification. Therefore, the Examiner requires an election of one of the inventions indicated below for purposes of examination.

The Examiner has determined that:

Invention I includes claims 1-13; and

Invention II includes claims 14-20.

In addition, the Examiner has indicated that if the Applicants elect Invention II, the Applicants are required to select one of the two patentably distinct species to which claims 14-20 are directed. Specifically, the Examiner has determined that:

Claim 14 is directed to a paper substrate; and

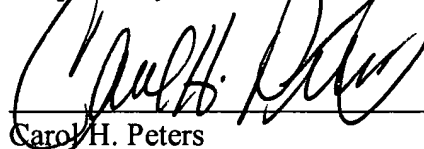
Claims 15-20 are directed to a paper assembly.

Election

Applicants herein elect for prosecution on the merits Invention II, including claims 14-20 without traverse, and further elect without traverse the species to which claims 15-20 are directed.

Based on the foregoing election, the present application is believed to be in condition for examination. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this election, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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